

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

(currently amended)

1. A cellular radio telecommunications network comprising
 - a first base station; and
 - a second base station, in which communications between a mobile station in a first cell and the first base station are handed to the second base station as the mobile station enters a second cell under control of a radio network controller, wherein the second base station receives information from the radio network controller to send downlink data to the mobile station and receives uplink uplink data from the mobile station, wherein the second base station first receives the information from the radio network controller then receives an uplink frame from the mobile station and only then sends the downlink data to the mobile station.

(original)

2. A network as claimed in claim 1 further comprising:
 - means for detecting power level of signals received from the mobile station, and wherein the second base station is controlled to send downlink data to the mobile station only when the uplink frame is received at a detected power level exceeding a power level set by the radio network controller.

(previously presented)

3. A method of operation a cellular radio telecommunications network comprising the steps of
 - handing off communications between a mobile station in a first cell and a first base station to a second base station as the mobile station enters a second cell under control of a radio network controller; and
 - controlling the second base station, in response to information from the radio network controller, to receive an uplink frame from the mobile station and only then send downlink data to the mobile station.

(original)

4. A method as claimed in claim 3 comprising the additional step of:
 - detecting the power level of signals received from the mobile station; and

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controlling the second base station to send downlink data to the mobile station only when the uplink frame is received at a detected power level exceeding a power level set by the radio network controller.

(original)

5. A computer program for carrying out the method steps of claim 3 or 4.